Paul's Radical "Therefore" (Ephesians 4:25)

- 1. Doctrine: What We Once Were & What We Now Are (4:17-24)
- 2. Pure Garments of Righteousness for All in Christ (4:20-24)
 - I. Paul's Inspired Pattern of Teaching

Eph 4:25 Therefore, having put away falsehood [<u>negative</u>], let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor [<u>positive</u>], for we are members one of another [<u>the reason or motive for the action</u>]

- II. The Difference between Humanistic Moralism & Christianity
- 1. Humanistic moralism is an End in itself
- 2. Humanistic moralism presumes natural ability
- 3. Humanistic moralism results in self-satisfaction & pride
- 4. Humanistic moralism leaves old nature touched
- 5. Humanistic moralism may appear to slow sin down, but it exacerbates it
- 6. Humanistic moralism leaves the old man untouched
- 7. Humanistic moralism deals only with repression

Put Away Lying, Speak the Truth, Members of One Another (Eph 4:25)

- I. God Alone is "Truth"
- II. Satan is the Father of Lies
- III. The Pervasiveness of Falsehood in Life
- IV. Universal Blindness & Hypocrisy of Lying
- V. Conflicting Effects of Falsehood on the Church